

Albert District News

Albert Couple Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary
On Sunday, December 7, the home of Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts was the scene of a happy family gathering when immediate relatives gathered to congratulate them on their silver wedding anniversary and to present a set of flatware. On the following evening about thirty neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths where Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts were the guests of honor. After an evening of games and cards Mrs. Bars and Mrs. Hardy presented Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts with a silver cream and sugar service on behalf of the community. A number of Albert people have dropped in at Mannville hospital to visit Mr. Edgar Jones who is recuperating from an operation for appendicitis.

News of Our Boys

Bob Simmeron arrived home last Saturday morning on two weeks furlough and will then proceed to Macleod, Alta., for further training. This is Bob's first visit at home since leaving last July.

Arthur Charter (Bob, to the boys) has been transferred to Montreal.

Gordon Matthews of Jarrow will report to the R.C.A.F. this week for duty.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

There will be no Irma Times published on Friday, December 26. The issue of December 19 will carry Christmas greetings and last minute shopping news. The first issue in January, 1942, will be dated January 2nd.

Japs Start War In the Pacific

JAPAN DELARES WAR ON G.T. BRITAIN AND U.S.

In a surprise attack on Honolulu and Pearl Harbor, the Philippines and the island of Guam, coupled with a declaration of war on Great Britain and the United States, early Sunday morning, the Japanese set the world on fire. Considerable damage was done to these U.S. island possessions and bombing has been continued ever since. Thailand has also been invaded by the Japs. Hong Kong and Singapore have also felt the attack of the Japs.

Canada declared war against Japan early Monday followed by Great Britain and the U.S. Both the east and west coasts of Canada and the United States have had air raid alarms but up to going to press no attacks have been reported. Black outs in coast cities and towns are now being enforced. Wednesday morning came the report that the new British battleship, the Prince of Wales, and the Repulse had been sunk by the Japs somewhere in the Pacific.

Local Stores Well Prepared For Holiday Shoppers

LOCAL STORES READY FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Practical and useful gifts are being featured by local merchants for the Christmas shopping. Only two weeks remain before the annual yuletide holiday and festivities, and the stores are filled with displays which will make the task of selecting gifts by those who will visit Irma before Christmas particularly easy and pleasant.

In this issue of the Times, local merchants have attractive advertisements calling your attention to the merchandise appropriate to the season. The stocks have been carefully chosen in keeping with the needs of the times. In fact you will be pleasantly surprised at the wide range to choose from and the reasonable prices too. One advantage of buying at home is the fact that you can see and examine the goods before you buy.

To many people, and not all of them infants, Santa Claus is a very real person. It's an institution well worthy of sustaining and adds joy and good will in a world full of trouble and distress. Try your home town stores first when you start out to do your Christmas shopping.

Minburn Centre Enlarged Area Unit

GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH ORIGINAL TRIAL UNIT

Word has been received that the department of municipal affairs will establish an enlarged trial unit composed of the M.D.'s of Lakeview, Birch Lake, Melberta and Buffalo Coulee with Minburn as a centre as originally planned.

After the original plan was announced a delegation of farmers and business men from Viking and district interviewed the minister of municipal affairs, Hon. Mr. Maynard, and suggested that a trial unit with Viking as a centre be established instead as Viking had many advantages as a centre to offer. This plan, we understand, was practically endorsed by the minister and he promised to come to Viking early in December to discuss the new proposed plan at a public meeting. This has not been done as yet.

This means that the office of the M.D. of Lakeview here will probably be closed shortly after the New Year and ratepayers of the municipality will have to travel to Minburn to transact their municipal business.

W.C.T.U. MEETING

At the W.C.T.U. meeting held last Thursday in the United church a representative attendance of temperance sentiment of the village listened intently to the reading of Dr. Little's address, as advertised the previous week. It was a vigorous assault and a mighty challenge. He portrayed vividly the attitude of the government in regard to the breweries, and various other deals of a like nature. Running through it was the pertinent query as to whether the churches, numbering 3 to 1 in proportion to the "liquor outlets," would put the latter out of business.

CHURCH NOTICES

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES
Sunday, December 14
Paschendale—Public worship at 11:15 a.m.
Roseberry—Sunday school 3:00
Public worship 4:00
Irma—Sunday school 11 a.m.
Public worship 7:30 p.m.
A hearty invitation to all.

ANGELIC CHURCH
The regular afternoon service will be held on December 14th at 2:30 p.m.

Women's Institute Annual Meeting Shows Much Has Been Done In Past Year

The annual meeting of the Irma W.I. was held on the regular meeting day, December 4, in Hedley's hall. There were 19 members and 1 visitor present. The roll call was answered with a donation to Xmas cheer. Ten dollars will be donated toward the Russian medical supply fund. Two pillows were handed in for the mercantile marine. There will also be a pair of navy mitts from this branch.

Reports were heard from the different committees and Mrs. Fletcher gave a very inspiring address.

Election of officers for the coming year: pres. Mrs. E. Sanders; 1st vice-pres. Mrs. C. Wilbraham; 2nd vice-pres. Mrs. W. Batchelor; sec. Mrs. R. Ott; treas. Mrs. R. Larson; directors, Mrs. W. Anderson, Mrs. J. C. McLean, Mrs. R. C. McFarland; program committee, Mrs. C. Milne, Mrs. J. Fletcher, Mrs. C. Wilbraham.

Secretary's Report

The Irma Women's Institute has held 11 meetings for 1941 with an average attendance of 19 members and 6 visitors present. There are 28 paid up members. At the last two meetings the Institute song was learned. During the year papers have been given on the following topics: Canadianization and immigration; legislation; agriculture and Canadian industries; household economics; education and better schools.

The activities of the Institute since the annual meeting in 1940 have been: Christmas of 1940 treats were sent to 5 needy families and gifts were given to two war guests; in January fruit was sent to 2 sick people and flowers were sent to a shut-in.

In February a course was started on the subject of old furnishing for new, during the time of studying this course the conveners made a chair which was later raffled at the 1941 bazaar.

In March a St. Patrick's tea was held.

In April the W.I. served tea each afternoon for the three days of the Wabasso demonstration.

In May a delegate was sent to attend the annual convention at Calgary. Also in May the W.I. began the purchase of \$4.00 was saving certificate each month making a total of seven to date.

The grandmothers were entertained at the home of Mrs. McLean at the July meeting. Also in July a delegate was sent to the district convention at Kinross. At this conference Irma was awarded the 3rd prize in the handicraft competition.

At the August meeting five sweaters for the merchant marine. Jam tins were ordered which were to be filled by the members and given to the Red Cross. Fruit was sent to two sick persons.

A tea and supper was held in October, the funds going to the Queen's Canadian fund for air raid victims. At this meeting money was collected to be sent to the F.W.I. for the mobile kitchen project. In October 27 tins of jam were given to the Red Cross. Mrs. Brunker, the district convener, visited our local in October and outlined the war work for the year.

In November 3 ditty bags were sent to the Navy League, also 300 cigarettes were sent to each of the 3 local boys who are now overseas.

Our objective for the year is to knit and help in other ways men of the merchant marine.

During the year two members moved away and each was given a silver spoon as a parting remembrance.

I move the adoption of this report.

Vera L. Ott, Secretary.
President's Address
Dear Officers and Members:
I'm sure you have seen and heard enough of me during my term of office, so I won't keep you long with anything that I might have to say, but as your humble president I do wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your kind co-operation and help given

me in making our branch the active and helpful one that it is.

As you know, to find a worthy cause and put your whole effort into it, is one of the greatest aids to personal growth, and so we would find our Women's Institute just such a place; for here we can work for the good of our community and its fellowman, by helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Let us always remember to talk happiness, for the world is sad enough.

Let us keep a helping hand for those who fall low down, Keep a joke to chase away each frown,

Keep a happy spirit when skies are turning grey, And keep a little sunshine for a rainy day.

So may we strive to do a little more at each meeting, remembering there is so much to be done these days.

Though our country is plunged in war, our Institute members all over the province are answering the call and doing everything possible in all war efforts. But we must not forget our organization nor lose our identity.

It is more than ever necessary to carry on our Institute when the need for encouragement and social contacts is so necessary in keeping up the morale of our women.

No matter how much war work we do, it can be done more effectively through the help and backing of our Women's Institute and we must have our branches ready to help fill the need when peace is won.

So let us take time to keep our branches active, and let us do our very best into the work of such a great organization.

I'm sure when we listen to the report from our secretary, treasurer and committees, we feel our efforts are well worth while.

I would like to ask each member to give her loyal support, as you have me, to the new officers who will be elected this afternoon. As it's only by all working together that we can enjoy the growth and friendships of our W.I. And in closing I would like to read this poem, "Friends Along the Way."

Life is made sweet because of friends we have made, And the things which in common we share.

We want to live on not because of ourselves, But because of the people who care. It's in giving and doing for somebody else.

On that all life's splendor depends, And the joys of this life, when you've summed it all up, Are found in the making of friends.

Mrs. J. Fletcher, President.
Meeting closed with singing "God Save The King." Gift donated by Mrs. A. Peterson was won by Mrs. Wilbraham. Hostesses were Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Milne and Mrs. Peterson.

After a number of dustings, Venetian blinds usually need a good soap-and-water bath. Go over them with a soft sponge frequently dipped in warm, mildly sudsy water. Rinse thoroughly with warm water applied on a soft cloth or sponge. Wipe dry with soft cloth.

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FOXWELL'S

EDITOR KONRAD KNUDSEN.

Editor Konrad Knudsen, member of the Norwegian parliament who escaped from Norway this year, is making a tour of western Canada.

Mr. Knudsen accompanied the king and government of Norway in its flight from Oslo during the first days of the German invasion. When it became necessary to disband the parliament and give its authority to the government Mr. Knudsen went to the front and remained there during the whole period of the war in southern Norway. He met the English soldiers in Andalsnes when they came to help Norway in the war against Germany and accompanied them to Lillehammer at the time that the battle there was at its climax. Time and again during these days he was exposed to the rain of German bombs.

In September, 1940, Mr. Knudsen, as a member of the Norwegian parliament, took part in the negotiations with the Germans in regard to temporary government for Norway under occupation. He was one of the leading forces with in the parliamentary Labor Party which opposed most emphatically the deposition of Norway's king and government.

Later in the fall he escaped together with his family to Sweden. In Stockholm he was stationed in the Norwegian legation occupied in the task of assisting Norwegian fugitives to Sweden.

Mr. Knudsen will speak in the Viking Lutheran church on Friday, December 19th, at 2 o'clock.

Pineapple and peach juices mixed in ginger ale make a delicious punch. Add the ginger ale at the last moment and serve in glasses with crushed ice. The ice is needed to dilute as well as to chill the beverage.

To keep diced fruits for salad, cocktails or desserts from turning dark, cover them with grapefruit juice.

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Health And War

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Health Deficiencies

Both in Canada and the United States, countries where the standard of living is generally considered to be good, it has appalled the authorities and the public alike, to find that large numbers of young men are unfit for military service due to physical defects. Many of these deficiencies have been found to be due to a faulty diet, and as a result national campaigns are being launched in both countries, aimed at educating the people in the scientific principles of nutrition. That the good health of the people is essential in wartime was early recognized in Britain, and through the efforts of the food ministry much was done to familiarize the public with important facts concerning food values. Various vitamin-reinforced foods were introduced and simple but healthful menus, based on the available foodstuffs resulted in a remarkably high standard of public health. Sir William Jamieson, chief medical officer of the British Ministry of Health, recently reported that in spite of the curtailment of certain food supplies, and the badly disorganized state of living conditions in some sections, there has been a decline in the number of infectious diseases, and public health generally has improved. As well as improving the standard of health in Canada, the present campaign in health education promises also to effect the national economy.

Educational Program

The minimum requirements for an adequate diet include quantities of meat, eggs, milk and vitamin-rich vegetables far in excess of what are at present being consumed. In the United States, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau recently declared that were the minimum adequate diet to be available generally it would mean an increase of at least 40% in the consumption of milk and milk products alone, and a doubling of the present consumption of vegetables. No doubt proportionate figures would apply in Canada. The national-wide educational program about to be launched here, is the result of years of study by Dr. R. E. Wodehouse, Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health. This survey revealed that 40% of the people studied were not properly fed, 40% were getting only about three-quarters of the amount of food they required, and that 20% were receiving only half as much as was necessary. Lack of knowledge concerning nutrition, and economic restrictions were found to be responsible for most of the deficiencies in diet. The facts to be given out in the campaign here are aimed at acquainting the people with the fundamentals of nutrition, and suggesting means of adjusting limited incomes to the demands of an adequate diet. This is only one of the many branches in which efforts are being made to make the world more virile and better. Canadians, with the other free peoples are working to improve conditions and increase the advantages of the democratic way of life for which they are fighting.

Pirates Got Away

Used Baled Beans For Fuel When Coal Gave Out

Most Rev. Francis X. Ford, a bishop in South China, wrote home to New York that pirates who captured his recently ran their ship on beans when the coal gave out. "They had one day's supply of fuel," the bishop wrote, "when they found in the cargo bales of beans and mixed them with the slender pile of coal. For four days we managed to avoid the trade lanes. Then the pirates reached their port and abandoned us."

Observation Stations
A chain of 300 observation stations now are operating from Burma's Indian ocean coast to northern and northeastern frontiers to give warning and protection against possible air raiders. Maj. R. O. Taylor, commander of the observer corps, said at Rangoon.

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A Strange Situation

Bride Gets Government's Permission To Use Her Front Door

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A Giant Parsnip

Stories of giant pumpkins grown around Belleville, Ont., and weighing up to 130 lbs., have been matched by a Vancouver backyard gardener who has pulled a parsnip weighing five pounds and measuring 4½ inches across the top and two feet long. It served the family for two or three meals.

Corn From Manitoba

British Columbia is looking to Manitoba for corn to feed hogs and poultry. About 5,000,000 bushels have been brought to Pacific ports each year, mostly from Argentina and South Africa. While the price is fairly high at present there seems to be a prospect of this trade improving.

Airmen Of The Future

Thousands Of Canadian Boys Are Studying In Spare Time

Airmen of the future, thousands of young Canadian boys are turning out nightly after school hours to learn the arts of drill and mechanics which will take them into the Royal Canadian Air Force at 18. Air Cadets League of Canada officials report.

An organization recognized by the national defence department and financed and organized by voluntary effort, the league has 5,000 boys in affiliated units. It will have more than 14,000 when applications now being dealt with are accepted.

By giving boys an opportunity to gain the basic training required by the airmen they admire the league syllabus has caught the imagination of youth, officials said.

In small, prairie communities where there were insufficient boys from 12 to 18 to form the necessary flight of 25 members, towns have worked together in providing the required numbers for a commanding officer and medical officer to apply for commissions and organizations.

The record of attendance is extraordinarily good everywhere, and in some of these prairie areas we hear that boys are travelling as far as 25 miles two or three nights a week to attend classes, an official said.

The 216-hour course which carries the boy through drill instruction, physical training, aeronautical engineering, first aid, aircraft recognition, map reading, mathematics, signals and the theory of flight takes about two years to complete.

A boy who has completed the course will join the R.C.A.F. if he desires, with practically all his basic training completed, provided he meets the requirements of Air Cadet League examinations.

"To have 25,000 boys in air crew category who have passed the league examinations at the end of their course would save nearly 200,000 weeks of training in the actual air force," an official said.

Facilitating the progress of the boys' training has been the co-operation of R.C.A.F. officers and other ranks, who have turned out in their spare time to give instruction in various subjects in which they specialize.

SELECTED RECIPES

GRANDMOTHER'S HONIED SWEET POTATO SLICES

6 medium-size sweet potatoes
1/2 cup honey
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup corn flake crumbs
2 tablespoons butter

Scrub potatoes thoroughly and cook in boiling water until tender. Peel and cut into slices 1/2-inch thick. Dip in warmed honey and roll in salted corn flake crumbs. Place in greased baking pan and dot with pieces of butter. Bake in moderately hot oven (425 degrees F.) about 25 minutes.

Yield: Six servings.

Head Of Arab Legion

Successor To Lawrence Of Arabia

Has Been Awarded The D.S.O. Glubb Pasha, Major John Bagot Glubb, friend and colleague of Lawrence of Arabia and his successor as Mystery Man of the Desert, has been awarded the D.S.O.

The full story of the part he has played as head of an Arab Legion cannot yet be told, though the reasons published in the London Gazette for the award are thrilling enough.

In the Syrian operations in July his force was attacked by a mechanized enemy column.

Despite being under heavy machine-gun fire, he at once organized a counter-attack which resulted in the rout of the enemy and the capture of about 50 prisoners and much war material.

Major Glubb, who already holds the O.B.E. and M.C., was reported killed by the Germans in June in the Iraq fighting. But this was "greatly exaggerated."

He has worked in the desert ever since the last war.—London Daily Sketch.

The life of dollar bills was cut in half by the advent of the automobile. Increased circulation and constant handling by greasy hands account for this.

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Hard National Task

Donald Gordon Who Has The Job Of Controlling Prices (By Frederick Griffin)

The man whom Canada has picked for the hardest job of all is Donald Gordon. It is the job of controlling prices. It is the job of preventing inflation. It is the herculean task of putting bands around a bubble before it swells into a bogey. For if that bubble of soaring prices blew, grew and burst wide open—it would be worse than a mammoth bomb. It would hurt every man, woman and child in Canada. It would wreck business. It would smash credit. It would crash our national fabric.

Beginning December 1st, the task of Donald Gordon is to keep that bubble down. Recently named chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board he has been charged with the gigantic chore of maintaining a price ceiling on all commodities. He is boss man in a new kind of control which will affect every Canadian producer, manufacturer, merchant and consumer.

As a democracy we prided ourselves on giving the people of most goods and services a free rein. For the first time Donald Gordon's Board will rigidly check them. He will impose a discipline that will reach into every business, big or small—retail, wholesale, manufacturing. It will affect the humblest custom-made suit.

Therefore this man who will stand guard over the cash register of Canada is of great importance to us. He will be at our shoulder every time we spend a dollar.

But who is this Donald Gordon? Few people have ever heard of him. He is not like Lord Beaverbrook, whom Great Britain picked for its toughest jobs, a man everyone knew. Few knew him till now except bankers and economists in Ottawa. Now he suddenly looms as a man of intimate importance to us all, a strong man chosen for the nation's hardest job.

Donald Gordon, just 40, sturdy, as a cuber thrower in his prime, is a six-foot Scot topped with brains. He was born in Oldmeldrum, a village near Aberdeen, a Presbyterian, of poor parents. He was a watchmaker, town clerk. Other members of his family were his mother, two older brothers and two sisters. Donald was an early school leaver, a thrifty man in that family, as in most Scots families, a necessary virtue. His father left for Canada to seek a wider life. In 1914, just three months before the war, Donald, then 13, followed with the rest of his family. They settled in Toronto. Donald went to Manning Avenue public school. That is all the formal schooling he had. Except night school when he joined the Bank of Nova Scotia. For he became a banker at 15, a very junior clerk without pull or advantage, right at the bottom. But he came up fast. Nothing, it seemed, could stay his energy or damp his native talent.

In ten years, at 26, he was assistant chief accountant. At 29 he was assistant manager of the bank's main office in Toronto. At 34 he was first secretary of the newly formed Bank of Canada, the nation's central bank in Ottawa. At 37 he was made the Bank of Canada's deputy governor—right hand man of Graham Towers, the bank's governor.

Graham towers made the bank's policies, and Donald Gordon executed them with his boundless energy. When the war broke out in September 1939 and Canada had to set up a Foreign Exchange Control Board to conserve foreign money and preserve the nation's international balance, these two men played the same roles in carrying through its effects.

Foreign Exchange Control has functioned for two years like a well-oiled, high-gear machine. There has been no friction. After the first few weeks, banks and business men, financiers and ordinary folk, found themselves taking its controls for granted. Here in Ottawa men viewed the success of Foreign Exchange Control to Donald Gordon who managed it. He saw one objective clearly—to get U.S. dollars—and he clung to it. Nothing stood in his way. He cut through red tape as with a claymore. Careless of formulas or routine, he leaped backwards to have it work fairly and to the general good. With that objective ever in mind, he succeeded because he surrounded himself with capable and experienced business men. He and they as a team made it work smoothly and brilliantly.

That was a hard national task, and now the sneaky-minded, steel-hearted Scot has a harder one: to make price control work. He will do so by all accounts with his practical, pragmatic skill at holding to an objective and his determination to reach it. He will make it work by his drive, knowledge, integrity and fair for inspiring other men. He believes he can keep the bubble from bursting by enlisting the aid of business men. He is all set to enlist all the rest of us as well—all you men who draw your money from the bank, all you manufacturers, all you farmers, all you wholesalers and storekeepers, in a great crusade to fight inflation.

All Good Reasons

"Dear Santa Clause: Please bring me a blaisklo so I can get to school on time. Also a punching bag so I can get strong for mowing the lawn, and a big red wagon so I can bring in straw wood. I need roller skates, too, so I can run errands faster for mother."

Canada and the United States are estimated to possess 60 per cent. of the world's coal deposits.

No Polish Quislings

Nation Has Never Been More Glorious Than It Is To-day

Poland is the one great power whose citizens have learned with their own bodies and their own blood, exactly what this war means. There is no problem to anyone in Poland as to what is happening to-day. Poland has already been murdered, so far as German malice and German ingenuity is capable of murdering a great people.

The most heart-lifting story of the modern world is the story of how the Poles are resisting this murder. Nothing in the long past of Poland is more glorious than the story of Poland to-day.

Poland is once more teaching the world that the will of man can be stronger than armies, stronger than hunger or despair. When that lesson is forgotten all is lost. Wherever two Poles are gathered together, there is an army fighting Hitler. There are no Polish appeasers. There seem to be no Poles alive on earth who are willing to admit that man's will is inferior to Hitler's machines.

A dejected and self-distrustful world needed this lesson. We have received it from many brave people, but from no people so unanimously as from the Poles.

If the human race wins this war, if the Axis disease is overcome, all of us who believe in decency in the free will of man, will owe to Poland a debt that can never be paid.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Repented At Leisure

The day's mail brought this note to a Hartford, Conn., hotel. "Enclosed please find two dollars as payment for bath towel which was taken by me, either in 1923 or 1924, from the hotel. If you feel compensation is excessive, please deduct that which is equitable and donate the balance to some charitable cause."

A temperature of 46 degrees below zero has been registered at Yellowstone National Park.

Most of the sky-writing in the United States is done over New York City.

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New Russian Plane

Has Been Especially Designed For Attack On Ground Troops

The British Broadcasting Corporation told of a report from Stockholm, Sweden, that Russia has developed a new type of aircraft which is proving effective against the Germans.

The report said the aircraft is especially built for low-flying attacks on enemy ground troops and can attack successfully from 60 feet.

The planes are equipped with light cannon and machine guns and have proven their resistance against anti-aircraft barrage. The report did not mention the name of the planes.

A Young Inventor

Youngest inventor to interview the Australia Inventions Board officer, a 13-year-old schoolboy submitted a scheme for sending a fleet of small radio-controlled planes on bombing raids over enemy country.

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Mr. Robert Churchill is no relation of the Prime Minister; but he has got the same stocky figure, the same bulldog jaw and the same forthright manner. And he is as much the leader of his own profession as Mr. Winston Churchill is the leader of the House of Commons. Mr. Robert Churchill is London's leading sporting gunsmith, which is as good as saying that he makes the best sporting guns in the world.

For 300 years the London-made shotgun has enjoyed the reputation of being the best gun that money can buy anywhere. Other cities in Britain turn out barrels which shoot just as well. In every country good guns are manufactured which cost very much less. Yet, sportsmen everywhere who can afford them prefer to put down the price of a good car for a pair of guns with the name of a famous London maker on the barrels.

The secret of London's supremacy is that, in London alone, live families of craftsmen who for generations have made guns by hand and passed on from father to son a mastery over wood and metal by contrast with which the best productions of modern machinery are crude.

The names of men making guns to-day are the same as those which appear in the old records of the Tower of London, and are still found engraved on the barrels of seventeenth and eighteenth-century weapons. Most of the workmen are making identically the same parts as their families have specialized in producing for generations.

All their work—apart from rough machining of some metal components—is carried out by hand. They are allowed unlimited time. Their own pride is such that they will not part with a piece until they are satisfied that it is, within human limits, perfect. So exquisite is their workmanship that a smear of lamp black on the mechanism is sufficient to impede the fit. A gun will not close on a postage stamp. The naked eye can scarcely discern where two pieces of metal fit together by themselves.

Churchill's establishment in Orange street still has an eighteenth-century air about it. The craftsmen work on the guns in little rooms above the shop. Mr. Robert Churchill himself receives his customers in a private office. Should you wish to possess a pair of Lon-

don's best guns, built to your special requirements, your order can be rushed through, in six months. If you're not in a hurry, Mr. Churchill would prefer a full year in which to complete your weapons. In the meantime, you can save up the money to pay for them.

The price of "best" guns is £240 a pair, £350 a set of three. If you require a deluxe presentation model with gold inlay and chiselling of exclusive design there will be an extra charge. Normally, your purchase will be two guns (triplets are uncommon and single guns too common).

Your guns are built to fit you like a tailor-made suit. An expert fitter—using a special try gun with a variable stock which can be altered in length and set at different angles to the barrels—takes your measurements with a practice shoot on Mr. Churchill's private shooting grounds near London.

Thirty weeks after ordering, the guns are ready for you to try them out. Minor alterations are made and the guns are sent back for finishing.

The polisher brings out the figures of the walnut stocks, fits rubber recoil pads and inlays your initials or crest in gold letters in the stocks. The lock plates, the barrels, trigger guards and action go to the engraver who chases them with traditional scrolls and designs. Finally, Mr. Churchill himself personally takes them out for a shoot and gives these pampered darlings of his workshop the cachet of his approval before they pass out of his hands.

They are placed in a fitted leather case, each piece in its own compartment and sent out into the world, like babies from a maternity home, with a complete cleaning outfit and detailed instructions as to their future handling and proper care.

The owners hold them in trust; posterity will honor, not his initials inlaid in the stocks, but the name of Churchill engraved on the gun barrels.

I'm afraid that very few Churchill (or any other London guns) are being made now. Most of the craftsmen are engaged on high-precision work for the Government. Mr. Churchill himself—who apart from his reputation as a gunmaker is recognized as one of the greatest firearms experts in the world—is engaged chiefly on Government business—Macedonian Hastings in the Magazine "London Calling."

Smoked Bacon

Studies Are Being Made On Proper Methods Of Preservation

Extensive studies have been undertaken by the Division of Biology and Agriculture in the National Research Laboratories, Ottawa, on the relative perishability of smoked and unsmoked bacon. In the storage studies, unsmoked bacon was found to be rancid after 42 days, whereas the smoked product was usually satisfactory after 70 days. Withshire bacon is usually matured for two or three weeks before smoking and then consumed immediately. This procedure is believed to produce the most desirable flavour.

Hitherto, Canadian Withshire sides have been exported to Britain in the "green" or unsmoked condition and smoked there. If smoking were employed as a method of preservation during transit, the bacon would have to be smoked shortly after cure and then be carried through a relatively extended transport period before reaching the consumer. These studies are being continued and trial shipments are being made to Britain.

Excuse For Failure

Germany Showed News Reel To Demonstrate Moscow's Defences

A news reel exhibited in Berlin shows diagrams and pictures seeking to demonstrate what were called Moscow's five-point defences, a barrier in depth formed successively of flame-throwers, then tank traps and barbed wire, a most, more tank traps and barbed wire entanglements and, finally bunkers.

Why Eagle Was Chosen

The bald eagle is protected by federal law in the United States and possessions. The young are three years old when they attain adult plumage. This bird's many attributes, including size, strength, keen vision, and swift, powerful flight, led to its selection as the national emblem.

There are 11 major religions boasting 1,400,000,000 adherents.

POLES TRAIN ON OWEN SOUND BAY



Besides the land forces of the Polish army training at Owen Sound, naval men of the over-run country have found the Georgian Bay city an ideal place for activities. Recruits for the Polish navy are shown receiving an introduction to the rudiments of sailing. Earlier they were addressed by Commodore Mindak, who is in charge of naval operations at Owen Sound. The camp commander is Col. W. Sukowski.

Potent Drug

Discovered In The Soil, Cures Human Sores And Wounds

Almost miraculous healing of human sores and wounds by a new drug discovered in the soil was reported to the American College of Surgeons here.

The drug is gramicidin, and its potency is from 1,000 to 100,000 times greater than sulfanilamide. It was literally unearthed three years ago at the Rockefeller Institute, New York City, by Dr. Rene Dubose.

An idea of its potency is given by the fact that one-millionth of a teaspoonful, which is about as much as a drop of mist is sufficient to protect a mouse from 10,000 fatal doses of pneumonia germs.

Now half a dozen of the greatest medical institutions in the United States are starting human experiments with it, and the British government has asked for it to try on war wounded. The report was made by Doctors Charles H. Remmelkamp and Chester S. Keefer of Boston University School of Medicine.

On human beings tried in Boston gramicidin has cured skin diseases, ulcers, wound infections and infections inside chests. It is not, however, on sale even to physicians for its limitations and dangers are still largely unknown.

Was Greatly Mistaken

Goering Boasted That Ruhr Could Never Be Bombed

On August 9, 1939 Hermann Goering boasted: "As Reichminister for Air, I have convinced myself personally of the measures taken to protect the Ruhr against air attack. In the future, I will look after every battery, for we will not expose the Ruhr to a single bomb dropped by enemy aircraft."

Before the end of January, 1941, the Ruhr's great railroad centre, Hamm, had been bombed on 82 occasions by the R.A.F. Since January, the accelerated British offensive has struck regularly in the Ruhr; for example, British planes, including many American-built aircraft, strewn the area with 2,000 tons of bombs.

An acre of soil on typical farm land contains an estimated one and one-half tons of weed seed.

The famous mineral springs of Bath, England, produce 500,000 gallons of medicated water daily.

For Business Letters

Claim Made That The Word "We" Is Used Too Often

More "I's" and fewer "we's" would improve the composition of business letters, according to Charles R. Riker, who reads other people's mail for a living.

Riker told a conference of the American Management Association that the word "we" is over-used and misused by business executives in their correspondence.

Basis for his analysis was his experience in reading carbon copies of thousands of business letters written by employees of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., and suggesting ways for their improvement.

"The extremes to which some people go to avoid saying 'I' would seem to be based on an unwarranted modesty," Riker told AMA members. "Or is it a superstition?"

Riker recalled the comment attributed to the late Mark Twain that "nobody is entitled to refer to himself as we, except kings, editors and persons with tapeworms."

Stressing the importance of a friendly tone in business letters, Riker also urged the use of diplomacy in writing the letter to avoid offense.

Long Way Around

Amusing Story About Finding Executive Office Comes From Washington

An executive came to Washington to see about priorities on an item used in the making of motors. He went from office to office telling his story but no one could direct him where to find out what he wanted. Finally in the OPM labyrinths, an official gave him a sound cluck.

"I'll tell you what to do," he said. "Go back to Florida and write us a letter. The messenger in the mail room will know where to send it."—Nation's Business.

Cause, Not Effect

"You say this woman shot her husband with this pistol, and at close range?" asked the coroner of the eye witness to the colored tragedy.

"Yaasuh."

"Where there powder marks on his face?"

"Yaasuh. Dass why she shot him."

People who think the home town newspaper doesn't print all the news should be thankful that it doesn't.

Crochet For Style And Comfort



Household Arts by Alice Brooks

Three Sizes To These Easily Crocheted Slippers

PATTERN 7114

Be up-to-the minute in gay slippers you've crocheted yourself! Both these smart styles are done in fifteen yarn and have simple pattern stitches. They're good basar items too. Pattern 7114 contains instructions for making them in any size; illustrations of them and stitches; materials needed.

To obtain this pattern send 20 cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man.

There is no Alice Brooks pattern book published.

The Russian Campaign Has Proved A Costly Drain On Hitler's Oil Supplies

Has Obtained Patents

Amateur Chemist In California Making Motor Fuel From Waste

A building contractor who turned chemist because he became irritated at the size of his gasoline bills has developed a process to convert garbage, waste lumber and farm products into motor fuel.

J. W. Jean has obtained final patents on the method he developed in a machine shop laboratory at Pasadena, California. He says tests of his synthetic fuel have shown it has an octane rating of 98.7, comparable to aviation gasoline, and that it has developed 25 per cent. more mileage than the petroleum fuel.

The raw material first is fermented into alcohol and then converted into a synthetic hydro-carbon. To produce butyl alcohol cheaply, it was necessary to develop an unpurified bacterium. He met the problem by isolating one from potato peelings.

One hundred and fifty tons of bagasse or sugar cane waste, he said, can be converted into 9,875 gallons of motor fuel, 66,160 pounds of carbon dioxide for dry ice, 1,700 pounds of hydrogen gas from which synthetic alcohol can be produced, and 50 tons of humus for the soil.

By-products include ammonia salts which, when blended with fertilizer, provide a high nitrogen content. When the fuel is produced from garbage, a superior lubricant is developed.

Among materials from which the fuel can be produced, Jean said, are molasses, sawdust and shavings, waste from paper and sugar mills, old newspapers, potatoes, fruit, nuts and nut shells, and second and third cotton crops, seldom harvested, including the entire cotton plant.

Luminous Paint

Is Now Used In British Air Raid Shelters

British scientists have discovered a new paint with which they hope to defeat the black-out. It is a new development of the old-fashioned luminous paint.

Tests have revealed that if a comparatively small area of a shelter roof is treated with it, shelters can see quite easily in the dark.

It gives off a soft glow for 20 hours. Then, after being exposed for an hour to daylight or artificial light, it becomes recharged.

Government experts are considering its uses on lampstands and street signs. They can be seen plainly at any distance up to 100 feet.

The paint may be used with safety in the open during the blackout as it is invisible at any distance from which it might be seen by aircraft.

Stole Precious Relics

Nazis Have Taken Phial Of Saint's Blood From Naples

Germany has stolen from Naples a tiny phial said to contain the blood of St. Januarius, patron saint of the city, says London Daily Mirror.

The phial had been kept for 1,500 years in the Cathedral of Naples. Yearly pilgrimages took place to see the "miracle" of the liquefaction of the coagulated Holy blood.

Now the precious relic is in a clinic at the University of Berlin, says the paper, adding "the Germans hope to derive something from research which will improve the method of blood transfusion and the preservation of blood."

It declares the Nazis promised to return the phial in two weeks but sent instead an imitation.

Has Great Influence

Madam Chiang Kai-shek Doing Wonderful Work In China

Madam Chiang Kai-shek makes the best jelly in China and her good housekeeping has helped to make her popular with the women of China, slated Dr. James Endicott, recently returned from China, in addressing the dinner meeting of Zonta Club in Toronto.

Dr. Endicott, two years secretary to Madam Chiang Kai-shek, referred to her wonderful leadership among the women and the high esteem in which she is held by all China. He told of some Chinese war orphans who, after hearing her speak about the tragedy of war which had broken out in Poland, of their own volition went without their dinners for two days and sent the money saved to aid the Polish children.

The original religion of Japan was called "Shintoism."

(By Louis F. Koomle of The United Press War Desk)

Even if Hitler's armies should take the Caucasian oil fields, the question arises of how much benefit he would get out of it.

The answer is, probably little, for at least a year to come. The oil which Hitler needs increasingly for his mechanized army must come from elsewhere, chiefly Rumania and from the synthetic production of Germany and the occupied countries. These sources are not sufficient to keep pace with Germany's wartime consumption; not half enough it is estimated. Unless new sources are obtained, it is only a question of time until Hitler's reserves are depleted and his motorized blitz attacks spiked.

The Russian war has proved a costly drain on Hitler's oil supplies. It is far greater daily, weekly, monthly drain than was entailed in the conquest of western Europe. There Hitler captured enough reserves to more than compensate for the loss. He has got none out of Russia.

There is no comparison between the Russian campaign and the earlier ones. The Russian war is spread over a vast 2,000-mile front. Hitler's forces are meeting such opposition as they never encountered before. For more than four months they have been going at top speed, burning up resources at a prodigious rate.

Hitler's long supply lines must be fed almost entirely by gasoline-powered vehicles. The broad-gauge Russian railroads have been of little use, except perhaps in a few cases where the Germans have been able to back of the lines to lay a third rail for the use of standard German rolling stock. This is aside from the expenditure of oil for airplanes, tanks and mechanized fighting units.

It therefore has been assumed generally that Hitler will strike at the Caucasian fields to replenish his oil supplies and assure a continuing source for the future. There is petroleum aplenty under the soil in the Caucasus, but getting it to the German armies by the means of railroad gasoline, lubricating oil and other necessary products is a different proposition.

The Russians may be counted on to see to it that Hitler gets no immediate benefits even if he does take the Caucasian fields. Elsewhere in Russia they dismantled factories, destroyed power sites, flooded mines and moved as much machinery and machine tools eastward as they could. From the accounts of touring foreign correspondents, the most Hitler got, apparently, was some wheat which was not destroyed.

If the Krasnodar-Maikop oil fields in the northwestern Caucasus are occupied, the invaders are likely to find the refineries wrecked and a good many of the wells put out of commission. The Russians, provided they have time, might be able to move a good part of the essential refinery equipment to safety farther into Russia.

The Germans lack the equipment and technical skill to build their own refineries, say, a year or a year and a half. With Rumanian technicians and equipment, they might be able to set up small-scale refineries which would afford strictly limited production.

The alternative is transporting the crude petroleum to refineries in Europe over several thousand miles. Railway facilities and tank cars are lacking and the Black Sea route to Rumania is blocked by the Russian navy. The transportation and production problem is emphasized by the difficulty Hitler has had in getting the desired quota of oil out of Rumania. Production in Rumania, instead of increasing, has dropped.

If the Rumanian problem is so difficult of solution, the Caucasian one would seem almost insuperable.

Would Be On Hand

Mother and daughter were very busy with the wedding plans when the bridegroom-to-be called. He watched the preparations rather impatiently.

"Darling we have such a lot to do," soothed his fiancee, "and if we want to make our wedding a big success we mustn't forget even the most insignificant detail!"

"Oh, don't worry about that," murmured the young man. "I'll be there all right!"

A large gold sovereign of Queen Elizabeth's reign, minted in 1930, was sold at auction for £38 (about \$170).

CHRISTMAS PUDDING PREVIEW



ITS cook-house magic the services agree as James Morgan, top chef of the Canadian National Railways dining cars mixes the more than two score ingredients required to make 24,000 individual puddings of pudding to be served on trains during the Christmas season. Two tons of pudding are needed to fill that order and as men of the Navy, Army and Air Force then travelling will have their share, representatives of the services were invited to see the job get under way. They crowded Chef Morgan but did not cramp his style and this season's four thousand pounds of puddin' material were assembled and cooked in a work space 12 feet long by 30 inches wide — the kitchen of a dining car parked in the yards at Montreal — leaving scant clearance for stout cooks.

The photograph shows, left to right, Signalman Merrill Runeson, RCNVR, Chief Instructor Chef, James Morgan, CNR, A/C-1 Joseph Clark, RCAF, and Drummer McLean Anderson, RCASC.

VIKING ITEMS

Fifteen hundred pounds of magazines have been sent to the Army and Navy League by Jas. L. Smith who has been acting as receiver for them from citizens of the town and district who have donated this large amount of magazines. McLaren's Cartage obliged by taking the shipment to Edmonton free of charge.

The creamery staff is very busy this week making out balance statements to creamery patrons for the year 1941. We understand that a sum of approximately \$25,500.00 will be distributed to cream shippers and patrons from Unity, Sask. to Tofield, along this line. Each patron will receive a balance according to the amount of cream delivered to the creamery during the year which ended December 1st. Any balance from December 1st, will be carried over to next year. The annual meeting of the shareholders will be held at Viking on January 17th, 1942.

Rev. J. B. Stolee left on Monday for Saskatoon where he is attending a mission meeting in connection with the Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Broughton and son Junior spent Sunday at Irma with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones and family.

Friday, December 26, Boxing Day, is a national holiday and will be observed as such in Viking. Stores will be closed all day.

O. Fitzmaurice has returned home from the University hospital in Edmonton and is quite improved after his prolonged illness.

We don't hear of many intending to go to the coast for the holidays or the winter months.

Word has been received that T. W. Thompson, former resident of Viking, passed away at Armstrong, B.C., on November 25th, after an illness of some months. The late Mr. Thompson conducted a shoe and repair shop here for a number of years before removing to B.C. about twenty years ago. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, and ten children. Two of his sons are in the army. Mrs. J. H. McLellan, of Viking, is a daughter.

The variety concert presented to a large and appreciative audience on Friday last, in the community hall, brought forth a galaxy of talent. Viking has ever been in the forefront in musical matters and this concert demonstrated the fact that today we have exceptional talent in the school as well as in the town.

The funeral of the late William Joseph Bayhen, of Meadow Lake, Sask., and formerly of Viking, took place on Saturday morning, Dec. 6th, from Mt. Carmel church where Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock. Interment was made in Mt. Carmel cemetery.

The late Mr. Bayhen was born in 1885 the son of Patrick Bayhen and Ellen Kane. He spent his early life in Ontario and came to western Canada in 1902. Shortly after his arrival, he, together with the other members of his family, located in the Viking district. In 1912 he left for the Peace River country where in 1915 he married and settled in Grande Prairie. About two and a half years ago he became postmaster of the hotel in Clarendon, Alberta, later moving to Meadow Lake where he conducted a store until the time of his death.

J. S. Kerns, district agriculturist from Camrose, and officials of the department of agriculture have arranged a meeting in the Elks hall, Viking, on Monday, December 15, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Swine problems, beef cattle and local agricultural problems will be discussed. Speakers are P. W. Wyllie and W. H. T. Mead, from the department. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Friday, December 26 — Dance Elks hall, music by Viking Jives.

Wednesday, December 31 — New Year's Eve ball, Elks hall, for Red Cross funds.

In a few days you will be receiving your copy of the Patriotic Community Calendar sponsored by the merchants and business men of Viking. No other calendar will be given out by any merchant here this year. A calendar is being mailed to every resident in the Viking trading area. If by chance you fail to receive one, there will be copies available at the Viking News office on behalf of the merchants.

The unique idea of issuing only one calendar was proposed early this spring by the Viking Chamber of Commerce. All monies usually spent in calendars, gifts, etc., have been pooled and after de-

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WANT ADS

WANTED TO BUY—A Yorkshire boar, about five months old. B. A. Clelland, Irma. 12p

CONSERVATION

SAVE pennies by right buying.
SAVE surplus products by home-canning and jam making.
SAVE food value by proper preparation.

SAVE fuel by cooking several dishes in oven at one time or cooking potatoes or cereal for two meals.

SAVE time by knowing cooking short cuts.

SAVE flavor by proper cooking.

SAVE all fat. Clarify and use for cooking.

SAVE by knowing how much to buy.

SAVE sour milk. It makes tender cakes and biscuits.

SAVE dry bread. It makes crumbs for escalloped dishes, dressings, etc.

SAVE wax from jellies, jams, etc., wash, dry, melt and use again.

SAVE vegetable water for soups or sauces.

SAVE vinegar from pickles. The spicy flavor adds zest to salads.

SAVE celery tops, parsley or green onion tops. Dry for seasoning.

SAVE butter wrappers. They are excellent for buttering pans.

SAVE energy by planning ahead.

ducting the cost of the calendar and mailing charges a net amount of over \$300 has been saved and is being divided between the War Services Fund and Dominion of Canada non-interest bearing bonds.

In times like these when there are so many calls for funds for so many worthy causes, the amount saved will be of material assistance and will be used to the best advantage.

The calendar itself is a serviceable calendar with a large three month pad in two colors. It is not a gaudy calendar but when you realize the spirit behind it you will treasure your copy for years to come. It was made to save as much money as possible. Quite likely it is the only one of its kind issued in Canada by any city town or village.

The wedding of Caroline Augusta Tabler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tabler, of Alliance, Alta., and Sverre Helmer Kjelland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kjelland of Viking district, was solemnized at the Viking Lutheran parsonage on Friday afternoon, December 5. Official witnesses to the happy event were Orlando Haffo, of Viking, and Miss Cecelia Tabler, sister of the bride. Rev. J. B. Stolee, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

A wedding of much interest to the community was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanson at 2 o'clock last Saturday, when their daughter, Agnes Constance, was united in marriage to LAC Hans Eugene Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hanson of the Lake Alice district.

The bride, who is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanson, has grown to womanhood here, is an accomplished young woman and has a host of admiring friends.



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BATTLE RIVER M. D. No. 423 NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICE

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BATTLE RIVER, No. 423

Whereas under the provisions of Section 26 of the Tax Recovery Act, 1938, the following parcels of land may be leased from the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, for a term of one or three years as the case may be. Applications will be considered at every regular meeting of the council at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon until disposed of.

N½ SW	3	45	7	4	NE	2	44	9	4
NW	5	45	7	4	NW	2	44	9	4
SE	5	45	7	4	SE	2	44	9	4
SW	5	45	7	4	SW	2	44	9	4
SE	0	45	7	4	NW	4	44	9	4
SW	12	45	7	4	SE	28	45	9	4
SW	25	45	7	4	SE	28	45	9	4
NE	27	45	7	4	NW	28	45	9	4

Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to lease.

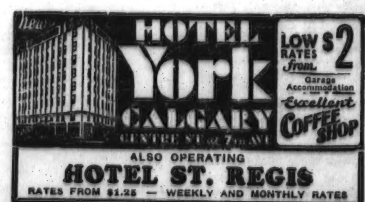
Chas. Wilbraham, Secretary-Treasurer.

Bids will be received by the council of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 in a public sale manner for the purchase of the following lands

NE	27	45	7	4	NW	12	44	7	4
NE	2	44	9	4	S½ SW	12	44	7	4
NW	2	44	9	4	All	18	45	7	4
SE	2	44	9	4	NE	34	45	8	4
NE	28	45	8	4	NW	34	45	8	4
SE	28	45	8	4	SE	34	45	8	4
SW	28	45	8	4	SW	34	45	8	4
N½ NW	28	45	8	4	SE	9	44	9	4
S½ NW	28	45	8	4	SE	6	45	7	4
SE	5	44	9	4	N½	16	45	7	4
NW	6	44	9	4	NW	22	45	7	4
NW	7	44	9	4	SW	25	45	7	4

At any regular meeting of the council at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon until disposed of.

CHAS. WILBRATHAM, Sec. Treas.



LOW FARES FOR Christmas - New Year's SINGLE FARE AND ONE-QUARTER FOR ROUND TRIP (MINIMUM 25c)

FOR CHRISTMAS

Going Dec. 23, 24, 25. (Where no train service Dec. 23, tickets will be sold Dec. 22. Return until Dec. 26 or first available train.

FOR NEW YEAR'S

Going Dec. 30, 31, January 1. (Where no train service Dec. 30, tickets will be sold Dec. 29.) Return until Jan. 2, or first available train.

ENTIRE HOLIDAY SEASON SINGLE FARE AND ONE-THIRD FOR ROUND TRIP Going Dec. 19 to Jan. 1 Return until Jan. 7

AN APPEAL

As many thousands of our armed forces will travel to and from their homes for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the railways appeal to the general public to travel early and assist in relieving the unavoidable congestion.

PREPAY A TICKET — Bring relatives, friends home for Christmas. No Extra Charge.

For Full Information ask Local Agent

Canadian Pacific

Come and Dance to the music of the VIKING JIVES ON BOXING NIGHT Friday, Dec. 26th in the ELKS' HALL

VIKING ALBERTA
Admission: Gents 50c; Ladies 25c

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A good way to test whether a fern requires water is to give the pot a sharp tap. If it sounds hollow it needs water, but if a dull sound is given out the soil is wet enough.

Remember that a cracked egg can still be boiled successfully if a teaspoonful of vinegar is added to the water or the crack is rubbed with salt.

Leftover bits of jelly can be used for stuffing pears or apples to be baked.

Before applying linseed oil to outside of soapstone sinks or tubs, first go over them with sandpaper to make them smooth.

When a cork breaks in a bottle

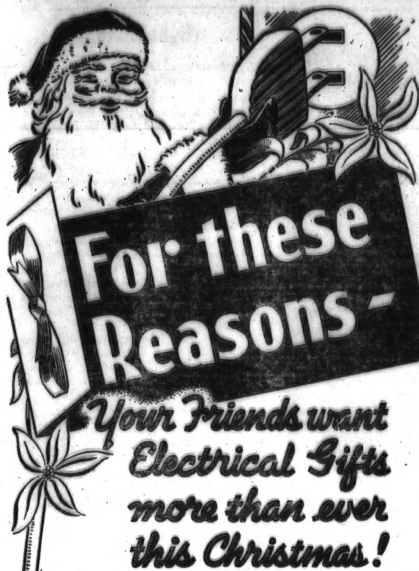
pour out the liquid it contains and put enough ammonia in the bottle to float the cork. Set away until the cork crumbles.

Colorful appetizers may be made by steaming dried fruits about 15 minutes and topping with well-seasoned cream or grated cheese.

To remove mildew from a leather bag, rub with petroleum oilment and allow it to remain on bag until mildew comes off easily.

By using a clean sheet of plain wrapping paper to roll pies and pastry on, a lot of cleaning up can be avoided.

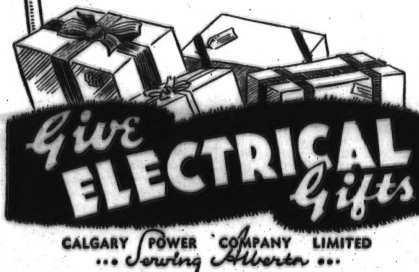
Parsley can be dried in a very slow oven, cooled, crumbled with the fingers, and stored in a covered jar for future use.



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AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO PRAIRIE WEEDS

The above title has been chosen for a new 72-page bulletin just published by the Agricultural Department of The North-West Line Elevators Association. This bulletin contains portrait photographs of 63 common weeds, and four of the illustrations are in full color. All of the weeds illustrated are also described, and brief notes on 22 others are included. At the end of the bulletin will be found photographs of seeds of 60 different weeds.

The chief purpose of the bulletin is to assist farmers and others in identifying weeds. A few remarks on control methods are offered in most cases, but these are brief. Methods of control must be adapted to local conditions and hence, specific recommendations can rarely be applied to large areas.

The first essential in fighting weeds is to know them. This is particularly true of perennials such as Leafy Spurge, Hoary Cress and others. Control is relatively easy if undertaken in time, and a delay of two or three years may be costly.

It has been stated that, in the United States, losses due to weeds are one and one-half times as great as the combined loss due to animal diseases, plant diseases and insect pests. The situation on the Canadian prairie is probably not very different. The new bulletin will be found most helpful, and should be in the hands of every prairie province farmer. Copies may be obtained free of charge from grain buyers of any line elevator company associated with this Department, or from The North-West Line Elevators Association, Winnipeg or Calgary.

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SOUP

A Few Noodles
by TUN

Heard at the neighbors: He: "You were no spring chicken when I married you." She: "No, I was just a little goose."

A doctors little daughter at Vegreville, deeply interested in radio, glanced one morning into the office where her father was testing the heart and lungs of a patient. "Getting any new stations, daddy?" she enquired.

"Since I met you I can't eat, I can't sleep, I can't drink," said a Jarro fellow to his new Kinsella girl. "Why not," she asked shyly. "I'm broke," he replied.

"This dance floor is pretty slippery," remarked a girl to a Kilman fellow while dancing with him at the Prague dance. "It isn't the floor," he replied. "I just had my shoes shined."

Heard on the street: "Lend me \$5.00 and I'll be everlastingly obligated to you." "Yes, that's what I'm afraid of."

One Thing You Can Get

You can't cure hams with a hammer.

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Nor gather clams with a clamor.

You can't pick locks with a pickle.

You can't cure the sick with a sickle.

Pluck figs with a figment.

Drive pigs with a pigment.

Nor make your watch tick with a tickle.

You can't make a mate of your mater.

You can't get a crate from a crater.

Catch moles with a molar.

Bake rolls with a roller.

But you can get a wait from a waiter.

LESSONS FROM ALBERTA FARMING IN 1941

A review of 1941 farming operations shows some valuable features relative to the business of farming.

In general, the farmer who is practicing diversified farming is in a more fortunate financial position than the man who is a specialized grain grower. Prices of livestock, as compared with grain, have been good and farmers have been able to grow and fatten cattle sheep and hogs at a profit.

The farmer operating a straight grain farm has had a rather bad year. The relatively low price of wheat, the wheat marketing limitations and restrictions and an unusually unfavorable harvesting season have tended to place the wheat grower in the worst position he has been in for years. Even the farmer who produced coarse grains found it difficult to make both ends meet for the reason that he has found difficulty getting his crop threshed and in the bin, says G. E. DeLong, dominion experimental station, Lacombe, Alberta.

Anticipated shortage of harvest labor influenced many farmers in making up their minds concerning the purchase of a combine, and some are now sorry they did so. Crops that were ready to straight combine before the rainy season started in late August were fine. Unfortunately most of the combined crop has lain in the swath for several weeks and weathering and sprouting has seriously damaged the unthreshed crop. Serious losses also occurred in standing crop left for the combine. In some cases losses due to shattering amounted to fifty per cent and a lowering of three four grades occurred. As a result there will likely be a definite swing back to the binder in 1942.

Special cash crops, such as flax, clover seed and seed peas proved very profitable. These crops, along with grass seed, are attaining increasing importance as farm crops throughout central and northern Alberta.

The existing price of coarse

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grain is high in comparison with the prevailing price of wheat. The per cent of low priced feed wheat is relatively high and the price will be low in comparison with coarse grain and livestock. Undoubtedly large quantities of the current wheat crop will be fed to livestock.

The lessons taught by 1941 all

emphasize the importance and advisability of a diversified type of agriculture for central Alberta. Farmers who have their own vegetables, fruit, meat and cereals, have a good living even when adverse climatic conditions prevail, and at the same time usually have sufficient funds to meet current operating expenses.

A Striking Statement

Air Training Planes in Canada Fly A Million Miles A Day

Air Minister Power told the House of Commons that in the year 1941 planes of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in Canada will have flown about 1,000,000 miles a day.

Here is a striking way of telling of the immensity of this plan and a way that will be passed on and quoted from lip to lip. For though most Canadians realize this plan is a big affair it is really so big that few of them have been able to grasp an idea of its full proportions.

Air Minister Power said other things in his review of our air war activity, more important things. But the "million miles a day" will stick while the other statements fall into that well known limbo of forgotten things.

Major Power's remarks about the essentially Canadian nature of the R.C.A.F., as reported by The Canadian Press, bear repeating: "On his last overseas visit Major Power said he tried to convince the airmen the Canadian people were behind them. They were the most Canadian group of men who could be found anywhere, more Canadian than the House of Commons. They had a strictly Canadian viewpoint, more so than the Canadian Army in the last war, many of whose men were born in the Old Country. 'They are the future leaders of this country,' he said, 'and the destiny of Canada will some day be in their hands.'"

This may have something of the style of rhetoric but it is hard truth nevertheless. That Major Power affectionately refers to these men as "our boys" does not alter the fact that they are serving their country now in a way that their country must never forget. Major Power says "it behooves us, or any government that takes itself seriously, to see to it that these men do not return from overseas with the same sense of disappointment, disillusionment and discontent as did the men who returned from the last war."

And all will agree with him. But this Government, or any government that takes itself seriously, should not wait until after the war but should begin right now in seeing to it that these men are not disappointed, disillusioned and discontented. And the most important, the all-important way of doing this is to see that this country is prosecuting its war effort with something of the same determination, devotion and sacrifice as the airmen are giving to their duties.—Ottawa Journal.

The Original Peter Pan

Model For Famous Statuette Is Now Called Piccolo Pete

Thirty-one years ago a small boy posed for Sir George Frampton's statuette of Peter Pan in London's Kensington Gardens.

To-day the "original Peter Pan"—James William Shaw, of Edgewater—is a 41-year-old lance-corporal serving with a searchlight detachment of an anti-aircraft division.

In the statuette—of which some Canadian cities have replicas—Peter Pan plays a flute. Now Shaw plays a piccolo in the regimental band. They call him Piccolo Pete.

Shaw said he posed for nearly a year. Once he got fidgety and to amuse himself cocked up his big toe. "Sir George was tickled with the trick and made me cock up the other, as you will see by the statuette," he recalled. "Everything in it is me—except the hair. Sir George modelled from another boy's map for that."

Protect Sailors

Suits Of Rubberized Material To Be Issued To Merchant Seamen

Exposure suits for 100,000 merchant seamen will be ready for issue in a few weeks.

Designed by ministry of shipping experts, they will protect men on rafts or in open boats from cold winds and rough weather.

The suits are rubberized material, and are made in two pieces, with a zip fastener, a built-on hood and wader feet. They are so made that one limb at a time can be exposed for massage.

"Look, papa," said Mamma Goldberg. "Able's cold is all cured and we still got left a box of cough drops."

"Oy, vat extravagance," said Poppa. "Tell Herman to go out and get his feet vet."

Native women of northern Africa wear long capes to erase their footprints after them in the desert sands.

Centuries before the birth of Christ, the bagpipe, famous Scottish musical instrument, originated in Persia and Greece.

Amateur Chorists

Classic Number "Sweet Adeline" Is No Longer Popular

The classic tune, "Sweet Adeline," long a favorite of off-key harmonizers, is no longer No. 1 on the barber shop quartet hit parade, an authoritative source in Pittsburgh revealed. The anthem was pronounced dead by one Maurice E. Reagan, identified as a leader in the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

"To me," explained Reagan, "that song is associated with the end of a drunken brawl, which we don't allow at our meetings."

Reagan reported results of a canvass of local members, including prominent business men, to discover which songs are most popular with the amateur chorists.

First place went to an old number entitled, "I Had a Dream, Dear"; second spot went to "Mandy Lee"; third place to "Honey"; and fourth position to a former top favorite, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

At the recent national convention of the society, Reagan said, he heard "thousands" of songs, but not once did he hear the strains of "Sweet Adeline."

He announced that the Pittsburgh chapter of the society is starting a school of instruction on the "fundamentals of harmony," with a quartet being employed to demonstrate the rules to the members.

Just In Self Defence

Hitler Claims Germany Only Fights Because She Is Attacked

Hitler's charge that "the United States has attacked Germany" recalls some other famous accusations from the same source. According to the Hitler version of things—

"Austria attacked Germany": Its last Chancellor, Schuschnigg, was preparing to hold a plebiscite among his own people, and that was a threat to the German Reich.

"Czechoslovakia attacked Germany": It had some territory that Germany wanted, and so it was guilty of aggression.

"Poland attacked Germany": It would not remember itself, so Hitler was forced to smash it.

"Denmark, Holland and Belgium all attacked Germany": They were guilty of lying in its line of march.

In our own case, according to the Hitler version, the attack was begun when the unarmed steamship Robin Moor practically threw itself upon a Nazi torpedo.

Germany never attacks. It is Hitler's theory that the bigger the lie the better its reception.

Song Of The Soldier

Old Battle Songs Have Survived With Renewed Strength

The old songs are good enough for the modernized Canadian soldier.

Military headquarters officials with the ribbons of the Great War on their tunics, said that the songs they knew so well have survived blitz, battle dress and ballroom jazz to roll with renewed strength from the throats of the new army.

"Roll Out the Barrel," a favorite piece at the beginning of the war, appears to have lost some of its appeal. "Oh Johnny," another early war favorite, has lost ground also.

Iceland Naval Base

United States Announces Establishment Of Operating Base

Establishment of a United States naval operating base in Iceland was announced by Navy Secretary Frank Knox, raising that island outpost to operations centre.

"The command of the U.S. naval operating base, Iceland, shall include all United States naval shore activities, United States naval local defence forces and district naval craft and any additional units as may be assigned by the Atlantic fleet."

Held As Security

To stop the "straying" of cutlery which threatened to close many canteens in England, canteen proprietors demanded that soldiers using knives and forks surrender their caps until the implements are returned.

The famous mineral springs of Bath, England, produce 500,000 gallons of medicated water daily.

The Tower of London, until the 16th century, served as a royal residence as well as a prison.

There are nearly 1,500 doctors among the European refugees now in England.

Ford has an auto testing tunnel at Dearborn, Mich., which duplicates all kinds of weather.

DUCHESS OF KENT MEETS EMPIRE TROOPS



Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent is seen chatting with a bearded bluejacket from the Argentine and airmen from Australia and New Zealand during a visit to the London headquarters of the Overseas League. The Duchess met members of the fighting forces from all parts of the British Empire when she paid her informal call.

Horse Racing

Racing Fans Bet \$21,363,629 On Their Favorite Ponies This Year

Canadian racing fans put up \$21,363,629 this year to back the bang-tails during the 282 days of racing at 25 tracks across the Dominion. It was announced by the Agriculture Department which supervises parturient betting.

The figure compared with \$21,355,037 wagered in 1940 for an increase of \$8,592. There were 26 racing associations operating in 1940, with 284 days of racing.

Prize money increased slightly this year, with \$1,073,625 paid out, compared with \$1,051,824 in the preceding year.

Largest amount wagered at any individual meeting, \$1,352,908, was at the fall meeting of Dufferin Park, Toronto.

There were 98 racing days in Ontario with \$13,650,148 wagered compared with \$12,859,315 last season.

It is estimated that New Zealand's wheat acreage must be increased by about one-third before the Dominion is self-supporting in that product.

It takes 40 years for light from the star Arcturus to reach the earth with light travelling at 186,000 miles a second.

Even black leopards have spots which can be seen against the luster of their coats.

The body temperature of a snake depends entirely on the temperature of the surrounding air.

No tin ore deposits have been worked or tin ore production recorded in Canada during recent years.

A League With Teeth

Will Be Essential When World Is Rebuilt After War

It is not unreasonable to hope that when the nations that will for the second time save the world from enslavement by a self-appointed "master race" meet to consider the rebuilding of a ruined world, the controlling factor in making provision for the future will be not regard for national susceptibilities and jealousies but insistence upon the subordination of every other consideration to the supreme necessity of creating an international organization that will outlaw war not by vain professions but by providing both the will and the power for action when the need arises. Given this firm purpose the building of an organization equal to its fulfillment will not be beyond the capacity of the democratic peoples.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Community Service Campaigns

Miss Charlotte Whittell, director of the Canadian Welfare Council, described as an incredible achievement the showing made by Canadian community service campaigns in a number of major cities. She particularly praised the records of Greater Winnipeg and Edmonton.

The Greater and Lesser Antilles are two groups of islands in the West Indies lying between Florida and South America.

U.S. railroads have 1,700,000 freight cars, only two-thirds as many as during the 1914-18 war.

Prehistoric Indians of Ecuador made many delicate gold ornaments, and even fishhooks of gold.

Collects Buttons

Unusual Hobby Followed By Man Who Has Collected 17,000

Harry C. Bird of Montezano, Wash., claims he is the world's "button-collecting" man, and he has 17,000 of them to prove it.

Bird started his unusual hobby several years ago, giving more and more of his time to rounding up and mounting the fasteners. He secures the buttons to sheets of cardboard, printing the name of the donor below when possible. Every country of the world is represented in the collection and many of the buttons date back more than a century.

Bird also boasts a fine collection of 67 shoe buttons, an almost extinct variety, he says.

The Bully Whines

There was boasting enough when London was quivering under the repeated blows. The British cities were going to be wiped off the map, one by one, until the British cried for mercy. Now when, after a year of that, some tenth of the terror is returning to Berlin, there is a cry of "Barbarism."

Four different cities have occupied the site of the city of Jericho, 15 miles from Jerusalem, according to excavations made at this point.

The earliest of shorthand systems was invented about 80 B.C. by Cicero's private secretary.

The U.S. secret service seizes \$1,500,000 of counterfeit money annually.

Writing paper, billiard balls, buttons and wool have been made from casein, a by-product of milk.

Night Blindness

Experiment Proves Vitamin "A" Helps Eyes Adapt Itself

It is hard to find an empty seat in a dark motion-picture theatre, not always because there is none but because the eyes have not accustomed itself to the darkness. After two or three minutes we find our way about easily enough. The pupil of the eye must have time to open and thus let in more light. So it is when we return to the sunlit street. The glare is blinding at first. Then the pupil closes, and we see clearly again.

It is now well known that this adaptation to dark is a matter of vitamin A. If there is a lack of the vitamin the eyes take too long to adapt itself.

Dr. C. W. Brown, associate professor of psychology in the University of California, tested ten of his students for night blindness. Object: To find out how much vitamin A was necessary. One group of students lived on a high vitamin diet for 12 days; the other left vitamin A out of their diet. At the end of the 12 days Dr. Brown tested all students for night blindness by flashing a light into the eyes and then measuring the period of recovery in a dark room. He found that the students who had lived high on vitamin A recovered in 18.03 seconds on the average; the others needed 22.7 seconds.

It doesn't look as if a difference of .67 seconds amounted to much. But it is significant when you think that if you go without vitamin A for only one day night blindness begins to set in.—New York Sun.

Meant Real Sacrifice

Indians In Yukon Give \$432 For Children In Britain

The Old Crow Indians who live north of the Arctic Circle in Yukon territory near the Alaska boundary have sent to Resources Minister Cresser \$432 for the relief of bombed-out children in the United Kingdom.

Dollars come hard to the Crow Indians, most northerly of all North American Indian bands in Canada, so this gift meant much to them.

This summer they took their catch of last year's cod to a trader in Alaska and were paid in United States dollars. Then Chief Moses who had been told of the bombings in London took up a collection in the band. He headed the list with \$100 and some 24 Indians made up the balance.

The chief tied to a trader in a red cotton handkerchief and turned it over to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Old Crow station. The Mounties sent the money to Dawson and there it was deposited in a bank and a cheque forwarded to Ottawa.

Mr. Cresser turned the funds over to the British high commissioner's office in Ottawa.

Saved Life Of Flyer

Careful Stitching By Factory Worker Prevented Plane Crash

Here is a romantic story, by the lord privy seal of Britain himself, who told it to an audience in Norwich, England.

A girl named Sheila was working overtime in a airplane factory stitching the fabric for the wing of an R.A.F. bomber. She was very tired. She had missed a date and her fingers were aching. But she thought of the men on whose lives her work depended and stitched far into the night. When she finished, she wrote a note on the inside of the fabric.

Months later an R.A.F. bomber with its crew of four were returning from a flight journey with a damaged wing. But the plane made a safe landing. The pilot examined the tear and found that it had stopped because of the careful stitching. He found also this message: "To the airman who will fly this plane. All good wishes. Love and kisses. From Sheila."

The pilot lost no time in finding "Sheila." He told her that she had saved his life and said: "Now I have come for my kisses."

A Steady Job

Two Germans met in Paris, said Carl to Fritz: "Have you a good job here?"

"Yes, I have a very good job," replied Fritz. "I sit on the top of the Eiffel Tower all day and watch for the British to wave the white flag."

"And is it good pay?" asked Carl. "Well, not much," answered Fritz, "but it's for life."

"Howling of the wind" is due to the change of pitch, as wind passes through cracks and crevices at varying velocities.

Somebody has figured from war statistics it is costing the warring countries \$50,000 to kill a man.

NEW INITIAL TRAINING SCHOOL OPENS



Newest initial training school, opened under the Commonwealth air training scheme, is No. 6, which is now in full swing in the old Normal school building in Toronto. Every two weeks a new class is entering, to graduate two months later after training in ground work, the Link trainer and other elementary subjects. As shown in the lower picture, they get the regulation P.T., too. In the top picture, are the officer in charge of the school. From the left: Squadron Leader C. H. Clark, Flight Lieut. J. H. Goodall, Wing Commander J. Hanchet-Taylor, commanding officer, and Flying Officer G. A. Woolley adjutant.

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CHAPTER XXXVI

The warm spring afternoon had cooled off into evening before Dale and Devona finally turned back, exhausted, to the old Brasher home. Dale, his face white with fatigue, strain, walked up the front steps like an old man. Devona, her heart aching with remorse, went ahead, opening doors.

Old Abbot, worried and anxious now, served their dinner in front of the library fire. A delicious dinner that Devona could scarcely touch. And Dale, too, picked at the savory dishes listlessly.

"If anything's happened to that kid—" he said once, with deadly quiet that ran a sword-point of remorse deep into Devona's ear, "I'll never forgive myself."

"But it was my fault, Dale, not yours," she insisted.

"No, it wasn't. I'm just as much to blame. More so. I know Talbot better than you do. I've watched him grow up from a shy, little boy into a sensitive artist. I should have known enough to get out of the way just as soon as I knew how he felt about you."

Pulling himself out of his chair, Dale paced the room nervously. "Trouble was, I didn't ever think he'd be deeply in love with a girl. He's so wrapped up in his art, his theatre and his play-writing. Before, that had always been his first, his only love."

Dale turned, smiled down at Devona huddled small in her chair. "Not that I'm really surprised he fell for you." Tenderly he ran his fingers through the soft curls at the nape of her neck. "How could he help

loving you so much, it could drive him crazy!"

"Devona's head went down into her hands again. "Please, don't Dale. I—I can't bear it."

Dale crossed to the window then, stood staring out into the soft spring evening. For a minute, only the sound of Devona's sobbing broke the silence. Then, crashingly, the phone rang in the outer hall. Devona jumped to her feet, but Dale was already racing down the hall, snatching up the phone.

"Yes. Hello. Yes. Yes."

At his elbow, Devona tried to read the news in his expression. Police reporting a body found? Tal himself alive and well? Could—

"Thanks. Yes, I have it." Slowly, Dale replaced the receiver, looked down at her.

"That was Western Union. A wire from Tal saying for us to meet him at 34 Seaside Drive, Santa Monica. He has a surprise and it's important. We must be there by 8:30 sharp."

"Eight-thirty!" Devona glanced at her watch. "It's nearly 9 now."

Grimly, Dale snatched up his hat, flung open the door. "It would be just like him to stage something crazy—some dramatic scene of—"

Dale didn't finish that thought as, racing down the steps, they flung themselves into the long blue coupe again. But Devona's imagination finished it for her—and the picture left her trembling with anxiety. If only they weren't too late. They mustn't be too late.

It was nearly an hour before they found Seaside Drive. And another few minutes before they turned into the curving drive at No. 34.

"But this is a private estate," Devona murmured as Dale stopped the car under a handsome portico.

"Come on."

The drive was clogged with cars and the front door stood wide open as Dale and Devona ran up the steps. Tal looked for all the world like a huge party. There must be some mistake—the wrong address.

"Maybe he was trying to—mislead us—deliberately," Devona suggested as they stood glancing uncertainly toward the gay crowd swarming through the big drawing room just beyond.

"Then they saw Tal. Devona's heart was swept with relief. Tal—laughing! His face alive and gay and teasing, he was dancing with a pretty blonde girl—with Gay Dorset.

"Look! It's—Tal!" she whispered, pulled at Dale's arm.

As if Tal had heard that breathless little remark, he turned toward the front door, saw them, waved impudently.

"Hi, there. Come in!"

And a moment later he was bounding toward them like an excited puppy, Gay Dorset still clinging to his arm.

"It's a party, folks. A real celebration. How do you feel, old man?" Dale looked at him anxiously a moment. Then a grin broke across his tired, white face. "Okay now. What's up?"

Tal didn't answer. Instead, he turned toward the crowd of merry-makers and shouted, "Hey, there, everybody! The guests of honor have arrived! Give them a big hand, everybody."

Guests of honor! Devona stared at him. Had he lost his mind? She and Dale exchanged puzzled glances.

"May I present my brother, the honorable Dale Brasher and his grinning, he pulled Devona forward, too, tucked her hand under his arm, and his fiancée, the lovely Devona Raebourne."

Stunned, Devona couldn't believe her ears weren't playing tricks. "Tal—what are you saying?"

"The orchestra had broken immediately into the opening bars of the Lohengrin and Tal, grinning happily, waved to a servant carrying a huge silver tray of brimming glasses. "Here! A toast to the happy bride and groom. To-morrow's their wedding day!"

Almost angrily, Dale jerked at Tal's sleeve. "What's the matter with you, Tal? Have you gone crazy?"

"I'll say haven't," he turned again toward the pretty girl beside him. "Gay and I decided you had given us two perfectly good reasons for celebrating. Your victory, Dale, and—"


He grinned again, mischievous as a small boy, "now your coming—nuptials. So—thanks to Gay's hospitality here—it's a surprise party."

Dale stared at his brother a minute before answering and, though still puzzled, a grin broke across his face in response. "I'll say it's a surprise."

"And now come let me introduce you to all these silly people," Gay smiled, drawing them down the three broad steps from the handsome reception hall into the crowded drawing room.

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events she couldn't get her bearings, Devona acknowledged introductions, danced with charming strangers, sipped a cocktail and wondered when she would wake up. Finally, Tal cut in for a dance.

"Please, Tal," she begged under cover of the confusion. "What is it all about—why—"

"Don't you know?" His eyes smiled at her and then, beckoning to Dale who stood alone for the moment, he led them both to an opened French window, out into a cool, deserted balcony. "Come here, you two. I'll have words with you."

Then, taking Devona's hand, he laid it in Dale's, held them together a moment. "If you two simpletons don't know you are in love with each other, it's time you found it out."

Devona's eyes scanned Dale's for an anxious moment.

"But, Tal, you—we—that is—"

Dale stammered uneasily.

"And if you think I'm not artist enough to have sensed what was up," Tal went on calmly, "then you haven't much faith in my genius. I guess I know real emotions under safe control."

"But Tal—you don't understand," she protested, still not sure that this calm was real, this—"I mean—you—"

"Honey. Don't try to explain."

Tal wrapped an affectionate arm around her shoulder. "I understand perfectly. You thought you loved me as a husband when in reality it's Dale you love that way. Me—I'll always be your favorite brother-in-law, won't I?"

Suddenly tear-blinded, she nodded. "And you'll be a favorite of mine, too," he went on. "You turned up at the right moment with that sweetness of yours and I'm eternally grateful. But I don't want to marry you, angel."

"You—don't—"

"Sorry." His grin broke out again. "I'm sorry. I'd much rather be the best man for old Dale, here."

Dale's hand gripped his. "You're sure you—"

"Sure. Me—I'm married to the thought. Didn't you know?" Then with a little shrug. "Now, you two—I'll give you a few minutes alone out here to find out what a terrible mistake you were about to make. And—if it isn't love—"

Dale's arm went around Devona, drawing her close against him.

Tal nodded, mocking gravity. "I knew it was. Well—God bless my children. I'm going to hunt up Gay now and we'll come some brand new toasts to your future happiness."

With that, he disappeared into the drawing room.

For a moment, Dale and Devona both stared after him. Then, slowly, their eyes met.

"Do you think he—really—doesn't care?" Devona asked softly.

"I don't know, honey. I'm afraid we never will. But at least," Dale smiled happily, "he's grown up some. Enough to take this—like a gentleman and a scholar. Good old Tal."

Inside, someone began a hilarious "For he's a jolly good fellow—for he's—"

Dale's arms tightened. "Tal's more than that, isn't he darling, to have given us back to each other."

Devona's arms crept around his neck and she laid her forehead against his cheek as she whispered, "Oh, yes, Dale. Life's—funny, isn't it?"

"Not funny, darling. His lips hovered close to her own. Pretty wonderful—now."

"Daughter of a strange destiny, a great love will enter your soul!" that wrinkled old Indian fakir had said once—halfway around the world, half a lifetime ago. And he'd been so right, she thought happily as Dale folded her close to his heart. So wonderfully right!

(The End.)

Guns of 410-gauge are misnamed; actually, they are 410-calibre, not gauge.

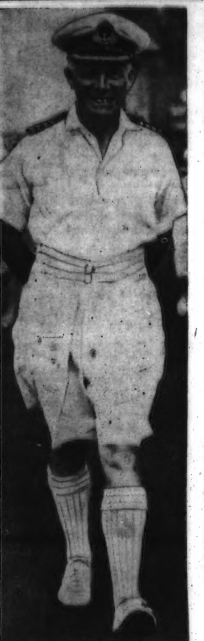
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ARK ROYAL'S CAPTAIN



Here is the Ark Royal's captain, L. E. H. Maund, pictured on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier, now sunk by enemy submarines. She was in tow after being torpedoed. Skipper Maund tried valiantly to save her.

Famous Peacock Throne

Was Taken From India In 1739 By Persian Conqueror

The famous Peacock Throne of Persia, from which it is suspected that the ex-Shah or his Nazi associates removed some of the jewels, was originally constructed for the Great Mogul at Delhi, and was carried off to Teheran by Nadir Shah, the Persian conqueror, in 1739. Unlike most thrones, it is not a chair, but a couch, large enough for a man to lie full length, and is entirely overlaid with gold and encrusted with precious stones, the whole thing being valued at some five million pounds. Access to the throne in the Royal Palace at Teheran has always been difficult to obtain, and in recent years very few visitors have been allowed to see it. There have been rumors from time to time of certain jewels having been removed and sold. It has even been suggested that the original Peacock Throne has been entirely dismantled and disposed of, and that the present one is a comparatively valueless replica.

A Distinctive Badge

Maharaja Of Mysore's Emblem Worn By One R.A.F. Squadron


Badges bearing the emblem of the Maharaja of Mysore, distinguish the pilots of one R.A.F. squadron from all the others. The emblem represents Gandharbura—the nightbird ever known. In a cable to the members of the Mysore squadron, the Maharaja said: "I beg you to wear the badges for my sake. I wish Jaya, or victory, in all your contests. Happy hunting among the Nazis."

To conserve wrapping paper, Ceylon has asked shoppers to use baskets and to have deliveries to their homes made in containers which may be returned to the store.

Emanuel Feuermann, the 'cellist, never lets his 'cello out of sight and buys an extra berth for it when travelling.

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Southern Shores of Crimea Ideal For The Holiday-Maker

The southern shores of the Crimea, now menaced by the Nazis, are a paradise for the holiday-maker in early summer or autumn. In the old days Russian aristocrats who could not afford to go to the Riviera always wintered there. The steep coast is notched with hundreds of delightful little bays clothed with pine forests, vineyards and lovely gardens, with sub-tropical vegetation, and the bathing is excellent. The Soviet Government has established many rest-homes and handsome swimming baths along the shore. Further inland the Crimea consists of a high, treeless limestone plateau on which thousands of sheep graze. Roads are few, and there are only two railways. In Sebastopol are still many reminders of the great siege of 1854-5, when the British and French invested the towns for 349 days, and fired 1,350 cannon balls at it before it was abandoned. The Russians are very proud of their ancestors' resistance.

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- 100—"Vitamins To Keep You Fit"
- 116—"How to Choose and Care for Your Dog"
- 145—"Overcoming Nerves and Every-Day Health Problems"
- 198—"Announcements, Showers and Birthday Parties"
- 163—"Self-Instruction in Short-hand"

Australian Sausage

A Thousand Tons To Be Shipped The Imperial Forces

Australia's sausage-making industry, already working at high pressure, will have to be further stepped up to meet an urgent order received from India by the Supply Department for 1,000 tons of sausages. At least 32,000,000 sausages will be needed to supply Australians and Imperial forces overseas. For some time the monthly output has been 3,500,000 pounds, or 28,000,000 sausages.

Orders for 16,500,000 yards of sausage casing, equal to 9,375 miles, have been placed, and manufacturers are now faced with the problem of filling the casing with meat—60 per cent. pork and 40 per cent. prime beef—and putting the sausages into cans.—Australian Press Bureau.

Census figures show Calcutta's Hindu population increased from 800,000 to 1,500,000 in 10 years and the Muslims from 300,000 to 500,000.

The Donets coal basin in Russia is often called the "Soviet Pennsylvania."

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Nothing too good for His or Her Majesty, the Baby. Rubber Toys, Pillow Cases, Knitted Sets, Gowns, Hood Parkas, Crib Blankets, Muff sets, Felt Bunny Slippers, Toilet Sets, Etc.



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A little gift here means a lot. Low priced, practical PYJAMAS NIGHT GOWNS PARKAS MITTS GLOVES HANDKERCHIEFS BOOKS GAMES ALBUMS

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Allen's, 32 ounce bottle 35c
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Fresh stuffed olives, priced from 20c
ORANGES For Christmas
Oranges in bags or boxes special for Christmas.
GRAPEFRUIT
Juicy Texas grapefruit, 5 for 25c

LOCALS

Mr. Arlene Erickson left for Ottawa on the Flyer last Saturday night for a position in the civil service.

An enjoyable time was had at the C.C.F. military whist drive last Saturday evening.

Jackie Fletcher was taken to an Ottawa hospital last Tuesday suffering from a severe case of appendicitis. He was operated on immediately after his arrival.

It will pay you to see the fine selections of gifts for all at your drug store before buying your Christmas presents.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Elliott on December 8, at Wainwright hospital, a daughter, 8 lbs. 12½ oz.

The show put on by the United Grain Growers Ltd. last Tuesday afternoon was not attended by a very large crowd due to the cold weather. Those who were not

there missed a good show. There was a Mickey Mouse picture for the children, a picture of the Banff-Jasper highway in color, while the main picture showed our good neighbor, the U.S.A., getting ready for war and the Canadian war effort, which was really worth seeing.

Gifts for all will be found at your drug store at the price you feel you want to pay.

There was a good attendance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Likhness for the annual meeting of the Glenholm Social Credit study group on Friday evening, December 5. The officers elected for the coming year were as follows: pres. Olaf Larson; vice-pres. J. Jackson; sec-treas. U. T. Knudson. A very delightful lunch was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Hans Christenson early in January.

The executive of the Irma U.F.C. local hope to make a house to house canvass of the district in the near future in a drive to get as many farmers as possible into this

organization. Also to take subscriptions for our official organ the U.F.C. Bulletin.

The December meeting of the Women's Missionary Society will be held in the church Monday, December 15, at 8 p.m. (note change of time.) This will be a special Christmas program. Come and worship Christ, the new-born King.

A full range of gifts and candies will be found at your drug store.

On Wednesday, December 31, the half-holidays begin again. The half-holidays will continue to and including August 12, 1942. Places of business will also close every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock from December 27, 1941, to April 11, 1942, both inclusive. The public are asked to govern themselves accordingly.

Use potato water (a) when making stock; (b) when making gravy, and (c) if you are a bread-maker, use it for mixing the bread.

The World of Wheat

by H. G. L. Strange

The new government policy of freezing at present levels of wages and of the prices of goods, commodities and services, will affect farmers in two ways. First, it will stop any further rise taking place in the cost of things farmers have to buy. (Things farmers buy have risen already by an average of 15 per cent since August 1939.) Secondly, however, it will freeze the prices of the things farmers have to sell.

The freezing of prices will not harm producers of coarse grains or of livestock or of some other products, because these already enjoy reasonably high prices. The price of wheat however, at present levels, is very low. Happily for the wheat growers, however, the government can, without disturbing the present wheat price ceiling, and within the law, give our farmers higher returns for their

BASE ORDNANCE WORKSHOP CALLS 2300 TRADESMEN

Scheduled to leave for overseas within 90 days from the date mobilization of the unit is completed, a Canada-wide call for 2,300 men for the newly formed No. 1 Base Ordnance Workshop went forth from Ottawa yesterday.

Every city, town, village and hamlet in Canada is being asked to contribute to the strength of the unit, and it is believed that owing to the nature of the service, and so no doubt something of this kind will be done.

Farmers can support the new policy by watching carefully that they do not pay increased prices for the things they have to buy. For future reference farmers should keep account of the prices they now are paying. If any farmers desire it, I would be glad to send a printed sheet that makes it easy to keep note of the prices farmers are now paying for the things they usually purchase.

vice, the unit will be recruited to full strength in record time.

Wanted immediately for the unit are 1,500 motor mechanics, 200 wireless or radio mechanics, 100 electricians especially qualified in automotive ignition and rewiring, 60 cooks and at least 500 of the following mixed trades: instrument mechanics, watchmakers, fitters, machinists, tool makers, precision grinders, body workers, tinmiths, welders and driver mechanics.

Men will be recruited for this unit between the ages of 18 and 45 years, and who come within A or B categories. It offers an exceptional opportunity to B category men, with the required qualification to serve in Canada's Active Army overseas.

Applications for enlistment should be made to the district recruiting office, or in the case of men who are now members of Canadian Army (Reserve) units, they can secure enlistment by communicating with their commanding officers at once.